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Arthritis Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed.

Name of Committee: Arthritis Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on April 11, 2000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Walker and Whetstone Rooms, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

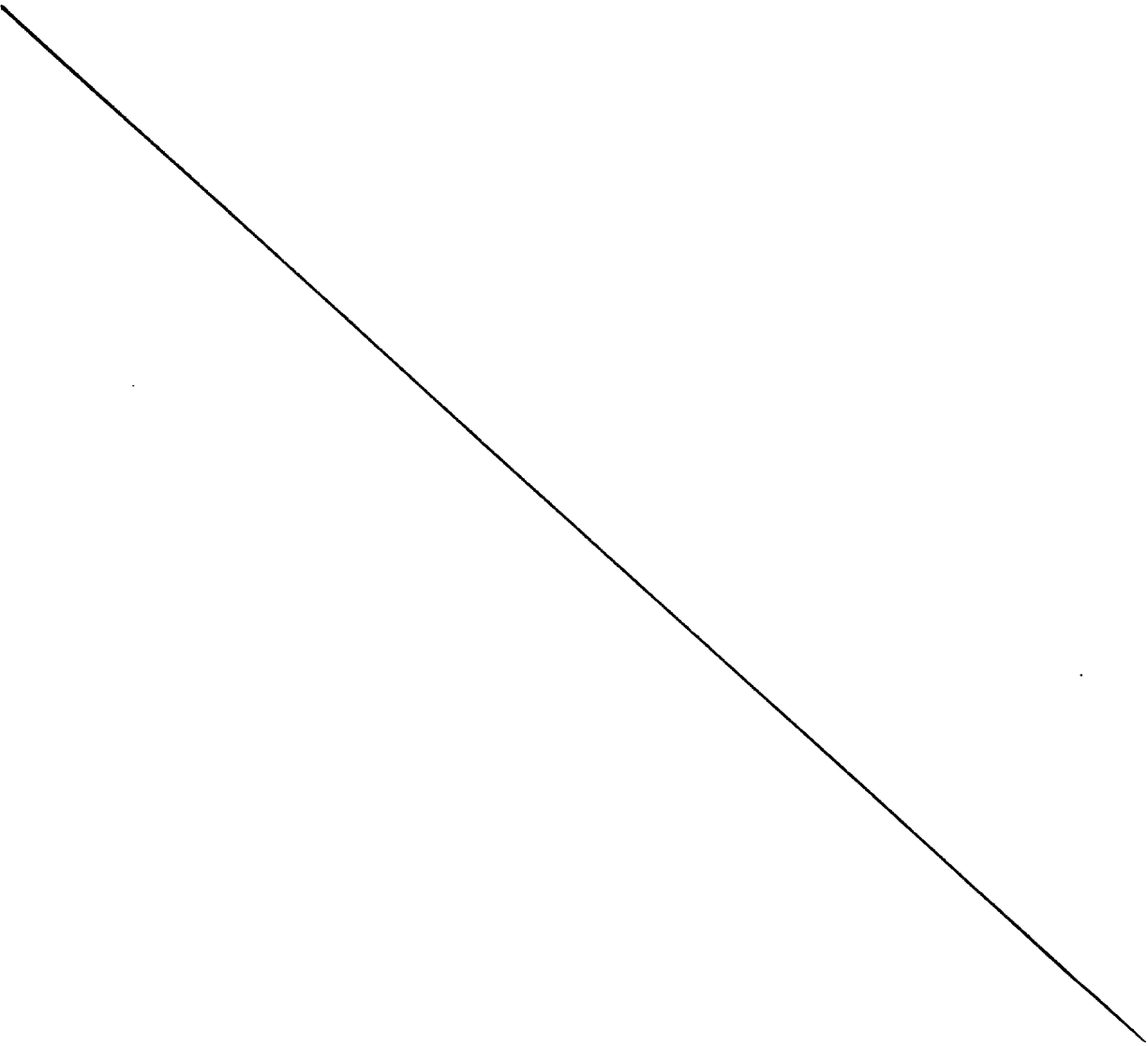
Contact Person: Kathleen R. Reedy or LaNise S. Giles, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093), Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, or e-mail: reedyk@cder.fda.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12532. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss biologics license application 99-0884, Enbrel™ (etanercept, Immunex), for an indication in patients with early rheumatoid arthritis.

Procedure: The meeting is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by April 3, 2000. Oral

presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before April 3, 2000, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

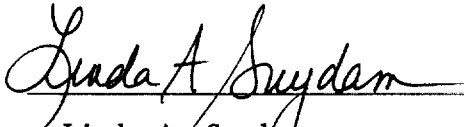
Closed Committee Deliberations: The meeting will be closed from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)).



Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.

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Dated: 3/15/00
March 15, 2000

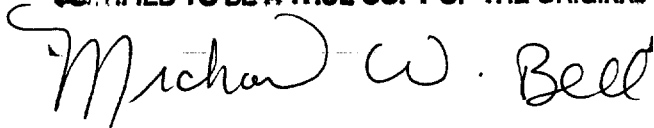


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